

**State of Connecticut
Regulation of
Insurance Department
Concerning
Utilization Review, Grievances, and External Review**

38a-591-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38a-591-1. Utilization review company licenses

(a) No utilization review company shall conduct utilization review in this state unless it has been licensed by the commissioner in accordance with section 38a-591j of the Connecticut General Statutes. All requests for licensure shall be made in a manner and on a form prescribed annually by the commissioner.

(b) Applications for licensure will not be considered complete and eligible for processing until all required information is provided.

(c) The annual license fee shall be submitted in check form made payable to the “Treasurer – State of Connecticut”.

(d) All licenses shall be renewed no later than [~~October~~January 1 annually.

(e) The annual license fee will not be pro-rated if issued for a period less than a full year.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this proposed regulation is to move the utilization review licensure date from October 1 annually to January 1 annually. This will relieve some burden on the Department during this time period, as forms and rates for health insurance products are all due during this time period, open enrollment for the exchange begins, and the consumer report card is finalized and published. All of this is done by the Department's Life and Health Division, which also does the utilization review licensure. No other laws or regulations will be affected and the change will have no cost to the state or the Department, as all licensure fees will still be collected during the same fiscal year. As required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168a, the Insurance Department considered the impact of the proposed amended regulations on small business, and in doing so, determined that the preparation of a regulatory flexibility analysis, as contemplated by this statute, was not needed. The amendments reflect activities to be undertaken by insurance companies offering health products which are not small businesses.